

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A lens adapter to be mounted on a collapsible lens-type camera with a lens barrel moving between a projection position projected to a front of a case and a housing position housed within the case, the lens adapter comprising:

an attachment section configured to be mounted on the case in a detachable manner;

and

a lens barrel housing section provided at the attachment section and configured to house the lens barrel, the lens barrel housing section includes a cylindrical wall section covering the lens barrel and an opening provided at a front end of the cylindrical wall section so as to expose a front end of the lens barrel, the cylindrical wall section has an internal diameter and length such that the lens barrel positioned at the projection position is covered, a female screw configured to attach optical components is formed at the opening, [[and]] the attachment section together with the lens barrel housing section are configured to partially expose the case when mounted on the case; and wherein the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging each other in a detachable manner.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein

~~the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging with each other in a detachable manner,~~ the first member having a front wall that comes into contact with a portion of a front surface of the case nearer the lens barrel, and the second member having a rear wall that comes into contact with a rear surface of the case; the first member and the second member connect in a state that the case is sandwiched with the front wall and the rear wall in a direction from front to rear; and the lens barrel housing section is provided on the first member.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein ~~the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging with each other in a detachable manner,~~ the first member having a first cylindrical wall formed in a semi-cylindrical shape, which forms a portion of the cylindrical wall section and the second member having a second cylindrical wall formed in a semi-cylindrical shape, which forms a remaining portion of the cylindrical wall section; and the cylindrical wall section is formed with the first cylindrical wall and the second cylindrical wall.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein ~~the attachment section includes a first member and a second member swingably engaging with each other in a detachable manner,~~ the first member having a front wall coming into contact with a portion of a front surface nearer a lens barrel of the case and having a first cylindrical wall projecting from the front wall in a semi-cylindrical shape to form a portion of the cylindrical wall section and being provided with the opening and the second member having a front wall coming into contact with a portion other than a portion contacted by a front wall of the first member on a front surface nearer a lens barrel of the case and a second cylindrical wall projecting from the front wall in a semi-cylindrical shape to form a remaining portion of the cylindrical wall section; and the lens barrel housing section is formed with the first cylindrical wall and the second cylindrical wall.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 2, wherein the first member and the second member have a side wall respectively which comes into contact with a side surface of the case.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 4, wherein the first member have a side wall coming into contact with a side surface of the case.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein the collapsible lens-type camera have a finder apparatus formed with an optic system separately from the lens barrel, the finder apparatus have an eyepiece window for viewing an image of a subject and is provided with opening and closing member for opening and closing the eyepiece window at a portion where the attachment section faces the eyepiece window.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein the collapsible lens-type camera has a finder apparatus with a finder lens and is provided with opening and closing member for opening and closing the finder lens at a portion where the attachment section faces the finder lens.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein both the attachment section and the lens barrel housing section are made from a synthetic resin having rigidity.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein both the attachment section and the lens barrel housing section are made from a synthetic resin having rigidity; a metallic ring is embedded and fixed at a front end of the cylindrical wall section; the opening is formed on an inside of an inner peripheral surface of the ring; and the female screw is formed on an inner peripheral surface of the ring.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein the lens barrel housing section is formed of a material that blocks out light.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein a female screw for tripod attachment is formed in the case, a screw insertion hole is formed at a portion of the attachment section facing the female screw for tripod attachment in a state that the attachment section is attached to the case, and the lens adapter is configured such that the attachment section is fixed on the case by screwing an attachment screw into the female screw for tripod attachment via the screw insertion hole.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein a female screw for tripod attachment is provided at a portion that the attachment section faces a lower surface of the case.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The lens adapter according to claim 1, wherein various switches, in use for photographing are provided and the switches are located at the outer side of the attachment section and exposed outside in a state when the attachment section is attached on the case.